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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

JOHN T. STROHECKER dba PORTLAND FIDUCIARY SERVICES, Guardian Ad Litem/Special Fiduciary for DAVID W. BONNER,

Plaintiff,

VS.

AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC. dba OREGON GOLF CLUB, fdba THE OREGON GOLF CLUB, AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION dba OREGON GOLF CLUB, fdba THE OREGON GOLF CLUB, a Foreign Corporation,

Defendant.

Case No. _____

Personal Injuries; Premises Liability; Negligence; Liquor Liability

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants American Golf Corporation of California, Inc. dba Oregon Golf Club, fdba

The Oregon Golf Club, and American Golf Corporation dba Oregon Golf Club, fdba The Oregon

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Golf Club (collectively "Defendants"), by and through their counsel, file this Notice of Removal

of Civil Action (the "Notice of Removal") with respect to that action brought against Defendants

by Plaintiff John T. Strohecker dba Portland Fiduciary Services, Guardian Ad Litem/Special

Fiduciary for David W. Bonner in the Circuit Court of Oregon for the County of Multnomah,

Case No. No. 22CV27139 (the "State Court Action").

The grounds in support of this Notice of Removal to Federal Court are as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On August 15, 2022, Plaintiff filed his Complaint against Defendants. A true and

correct copy of the Complaint is attached as **Exhibit A**. No other process, pleadings, or orders

have been served on Defendants.

THE PARTIES' CITIZENSHIP

2. This removal is based on diversity of citizenship. This Court has original

jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) because Plaintiff is a citizen of a different state than

Defendants, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

Neither defendant is a citizen of Oregon.

3. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, including the time of filing the

Complaint and the time of removal, Plaintiff was a resident and citizen of the State of Oregon.

4. At all relevant times, including the time of filing the Complaint and the time of

removal, defendants American Golf Corporation of California, Inc. and American Golf

Corporation were and are corporations organized under the laws of the State of California with

their principal place of business in Texas. Thus, American Golf Corporation of California, Inc.

and American Gold Corporation are citizens of California and Texas. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1)

("a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of every State and foreign state by which it has

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been incorporated and of the State or foreign state where it has its principal place of business").

5. Oregon Golf Club and The Oregon Golf Club are fictitious business entities. Courts

do not consider the citizenship of fictitious business entities when evaluating whether diversity

jurisdiction exist. See e.g. Watts v. Embassy Suites by Hilton Phila. Airport, No. 21-1307, 2021

U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132672, at *3-5 (E.D. Pa. July 15, 2021) ("A fictitious name does not create a

separate legal entity and is merely descriptive of a corporation who does business under another

name. Fictitiously named entities are nominal parties without a real interest in the outcome of

litigation. When considering whether there is diversity jurisdiction, the Court must evaluate the

substantial party's citizenship and not the location of any fictitiously named entity.")

AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

6. In the Complaint, Plaintiff pleads an amount in controversy of \$7,773,789.15.

Complaint at Case Caption.

7. It is facially apparent from the Complaint that the requisite amount in controversy

is satisfied. See Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens, 135 S. Ct. 547, 553 (2014)

(holding that the "defendant's notice of removal need include only a plausible allegation that the

amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold").

REMOVAL IS TIMELY AND PROPER

8. Plaintiff completed service of the Summons and Complaint on Defendants no

earlier than September 19, 2022.

9. This Notice of Removal is being filed prior to the expiration of the thirty (30) day

period after the date Defendants were served with or otherwise received a copy of the Complaint

and Summons.

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10. This Court is the proper venue for removal because the United States District Court

for the District of Oregon encompasses the geographic area of the Circuit Court of the State of

Oregon for the County of Multnomah.

11. Contemporaneous with this filing, a copy of the Notice of Removal, along with the

Notice of Filing Notice of Removal, will be filed with the clerk Circuit Court of the State of

Oregon for the County of Multnomah and served upon counsel for all adverse parties pursuant to

28 U.S.C. § 1446(d). Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441 and 1446, this action is

properly removed to this Court.

12. By filing this Notice of Removal, Defendants do not waive their right to assert any

defenses or objections to which it is entitled, including but not limited to any challenge to personal

jurisdiction or the right to have the case dismissed on any other basis.

13. If any question arises as to the propriety of the removal of this action, Defendants

request the opportunity to brief the issues, to present oral argument in support of its position, and

to obtain jurisdictional discovery if needed.

14. Prior to filing this Notice of Removal, Defendants did not answer or otherwise

plead in response to the Complaint in state court. Therefore, they will answer or present other

defenses and objections in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 81(c)(2)(C).

WHEREFORE, the Defendants request that this Court consider this Notice of Removal in

accordance with the law governing the removal of cases to this Court; that this Court will make

the appropriate orders to achieve the removal of this case from the Circuit Court of the State of

An unsigned copy of the Notice of Filing Notice of Removal to be filed with the state court is attached as Exhibit B.

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Oregon for the County of Multnomah; and that this Court will make such other orders as may be appropriate to effect the preparation and filing of a true record in this case of all proceedings that may have been served in said Circuit Court.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

SCHWABE, WILLIAMSON & WYATT, P.C.

By: s/ Mario E. Delegato

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Of Attorneys for Defendants

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I hereby certify that on the 19th day of October, 2022, I served the following DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF REMOVAL on:

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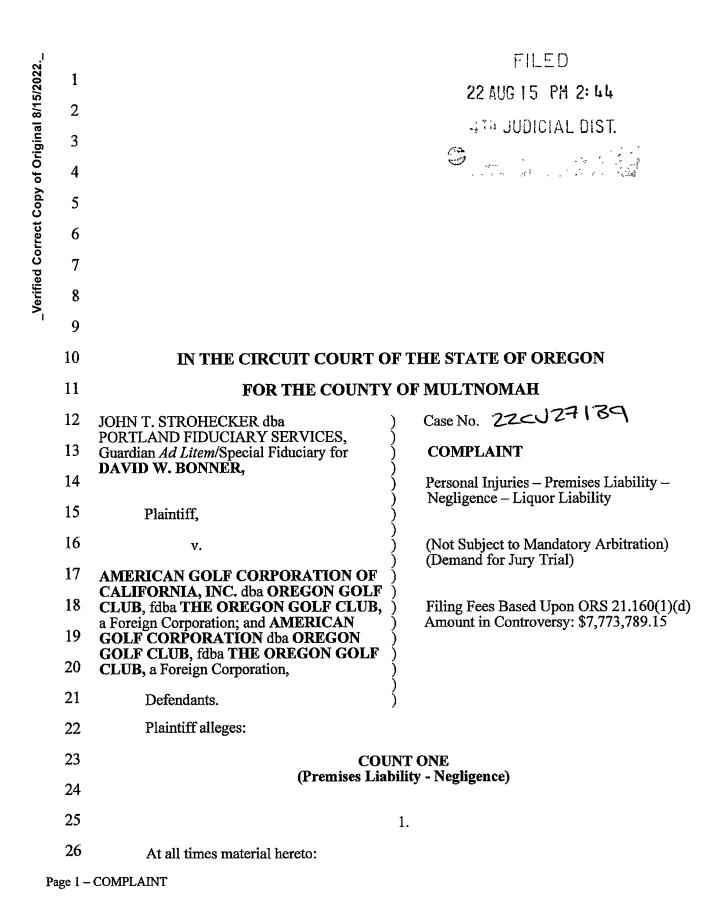
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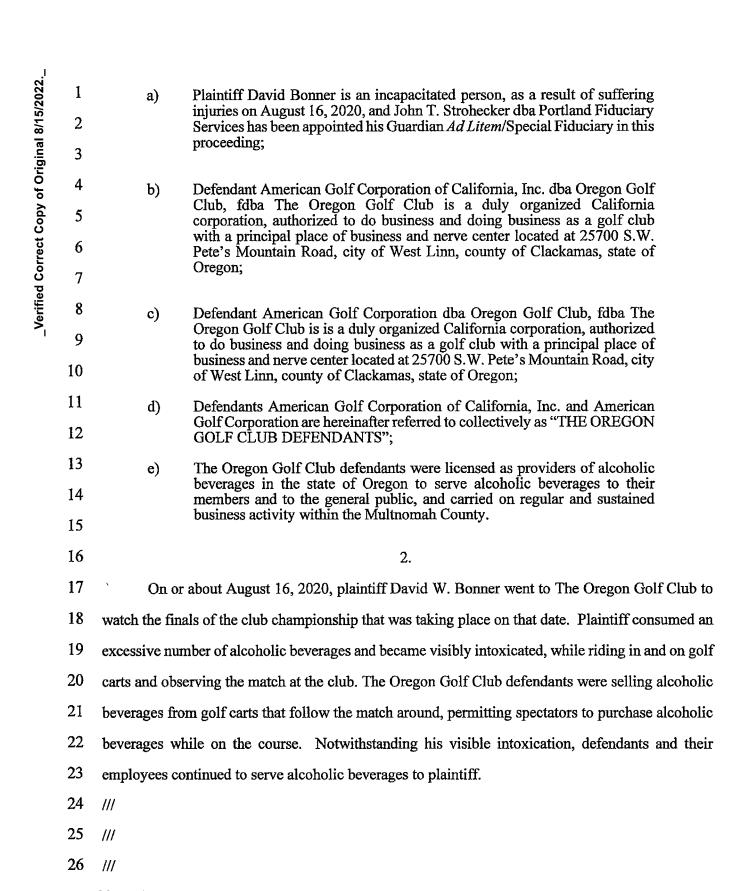
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1		3.			
2	At some point during club championship, plaintiff was riding on the rear of a golf cart, in a				
3	position that was neither permitted nor allowed by the manufacturer of the golf cart. The cart on				
4	which plaintiff was riding was owned by the Oregon Golf Club. Plaintiff was observed riding the				
5	cart in this p	cart in this position by professionals at the golf course, who were riding in golf carts in a proper			
6	seated position, somewhere in the vicinity of the cart plaintiff was riding on, but took no action.				
7	4.				
8	As plaintiff was attempting to ride on the rear of the golf cart, in an improper position that				
9	should not have been permitted, he fell from the cart, striking his head on the asphalt cart path.				
10		5.			
11	A substantial factor in causing plaintiff to suffer injuries, as hereinafter alleged, was the				
12	negligence of defendant, by and through its employees, in one or more of the following particulars				
13	a)	In making golf carts available and permitting plaintiff to ride on the rear of the golf cart in an improper riding position;			
14	b)	In failing to instruct plaintiff to stop riding on the golf cart in that position;			
15	c)	In failing to warn plaintiff of the risks presented by riding in an improper			
16 17	·	position on the golf cart at a time when The Oregon Golf Club defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known, of the reasonably foreseeable and unreasonably dangerous risk of harm presented;			
18	d)	In failing to call for a cab or other form of assistance, such as Uber or Lyft,			
19		so that plaintiff could receive assistance in order to safely exit from The Oregon Golf Club, before he fell from the golf cart;			
20	e)	In failing to properly train its staff to identify visibly intoxicated patrons;			
21	f)	In failing to take reasonable measures to monitor and protect its patrons to			
22		enable them to avoid the consumption of alcoholic beverages at a time when they were visibly intoxicated.			
23		6.			
24	The r	negligence of defendant, in one or more of the particulars set forth above, was a			
25	substantial factor in causing plaintiff to suffer significant personal injuries, including those				
26	described below, many of which are permanent in nature:				

_Verified Correct Copy of Original 8/15/2022	1	a)	Multicompartmental subdural hematoma ("SDH") with one-and-four-tenths-centimeter (1.4 cm) midline shift ("MLS");	
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rigina	3	b)	Right convexity subarachnoid hemorrhage ("SAH");	
of 0	4	c)	Right frontal and temporal contusions;	
Сору	5	d)	d) Left parietal and temporal bone fractures;	
rrect	6	e)	Left occipital bone fracture extending through the left occipital condyle;	
og Co	7	f)	Left posterior neck hematoma extending from the occiput to the level of C5;	
/erifi	8	g)	Left internal carotid artery ("ICA") narrowing;	
- 1	9	h)	Blunt cerebrovascular injury ("BCVI");	
	10	i)	Left posterior sphenoid sinus fracture;	
	11	j)	Acute multifactorial encephalopathy;	
	12	k)	Craniectomy incision dehiscence;	
	13	I)	Acute post-traumatic pain;	
	14	m)	Acute blood loss anemia;	
	15	n)	Dysphagia;	
	16	o)	Severe protein calorie malnutrition;	
	17	p)	Hyponatremia;	
	18	q)	Urinary retention.	
	19	Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint at a later time to more fully describe		
	20	plaintiff's injuries as deemed necessary, and/or to conform to proof offered at trial.		
	21		7.	
	22	As a result of the aforementioned injuries, plaintiff underwent the following surgical		
	23	procedures:		
	24	a)	Right decompressive hemicraniectomy/craniotomy;	
	25	b)	Right autologous cranioplasty;	
	26	c)	Incision closure;	

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1	d) Repeat right craniotomy for evacuation of SDH.		
2	8.		
3	As a result of his injuries, plaintiff has been rendered sick, sore, nervous and distressed, has		
4	suffered permanent injury and loss of enjoyment of life, and will continue to sustain pain and loss		
5	of enjoyment of life in the future, all to his noneconomic damage in a reasonable amount to be		
6	determined by the jury to fully and adequately compensate plaintiff for his damages, but in an		
7	amount not to exceed the sum of \$6,500,000.00.		
8	9.		
9	As a result of his injuries, plaintiff has incurred reasonable and necessary medical, hospital,		
10	doctor, therapy, nursing, and rehabilitation expenses to date in the sum of \$573,789.15. Plaintiff		
11	will incur reasonable and necessary medical, hospital, doctor, therapy, nursing, and vocational		
12	rehabilitation expenses in the future in the approximate sum of \$100,000.00.		
13	10.		
14	Plaintiff lost income to date in the approximate sum of \$100,000.00. Plaintiff will incur loss		
15	of income and/or loss of earning capacity in the approximate sum of \$500,000.00. Plaintiff's total		
16	economic damages are the approximate sum of \$1,273,789.15.		
17	11.		
18	Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint at the time of trial to more completely		
19	allege his economic losses and/or to conform to proof offered at trial. Plaintiff is entitled to pre-		
20	judgment interest at the legal rate of 9% per annum for his economically verifiable losses from the		
21	date of loss to the date of entry of judgment herein.		
22	12.		
23	Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial.		
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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon

For the County of Multnomah

JOHN T. STROHECKER dba PORTLAND FIDUCIARY SERVICES, Guardian *Ad Litem*/Special Fiduciary for **DAVID W. BONNER**,

Case No. 22CV27139

Plaintiff,

V

AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA, INC. dba OREGON GOLF CLUB, fdba THE OREGON GOLF CLUB, a Foreign Corporation; and AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION dba OREGON GOLF CLUB, fdba THE OREGON GOLF CLUB, a Foreign Corporation,

Defendants.

SUMMONS

To:

American Golf Corporation dba Oregon Golf Club fdba The Oregon Golf Club R/A National Registered Agents, Inc.

330 N. Brand Boulevard, Suite 700

Glendale, CA 91203

You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal document called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff.

If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

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TO THE OFFICER OR OTHER PERSON SERVING THIS SUMMONS: You are hereby directed to serve a true copy of this summons, together with a true copy of the complaint mentioned therein, upon the individual or other legal entity to whom or which this summons is directed, and to make your proof of service on the reverse hereof or upon a separate similar document which you shall attach hereto.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF EXHIBIT A
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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon

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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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13	By mailing a true and correct copy thereof by U.S. Postal Service, ordinary first class
14	mail, addressed to each attorney's last-known address and depositing in the U.S. mail at
15	Portland, Oregon on the date set forth above.
16	DATED this 19th day of October, 2022.
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18	s/ Mario E. Delegato
19	Mario E. Delegato, OSB #195840
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